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—Blaise Pascal

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—Lancelot Whyte

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Casting About

In Canada the other day — the hackle wanted an exorbitant price for a trip to Mont Royal — we walked up the hill — and beat the horse up by three lengths — we weren't entered in the Daily Double — so the price was low — we looked for an eating place with a foreign air — we looked a long time — the air might have been foreign — but the place — well — it was familiar — it was Chids — no place like home — we didn't get much of a chance to practice French — the money was a little foreign — but then money is always a little foreign — especially in these times — we bought four pair of socks — and a spoon — they looked well together — that was all — the Mounties in Ottawa

spend all their time posing for pictures — that is the ones that stand in front of the Government buildings — everytime they see a camera — they automatically snap to attention — we collected enough maps to wallpaper a good sized home — every time we stopped — three more maps — anybody going to Canada can get a good briefing — all you have to do — is — mail us a map — we will mail you three — the only French we saw on the whole trip — were a number of signs — it said — ecole — they seem to have a lot of ecoles in Canada — we didn't see any ecole kids — they must have been on vacation too — we also had an ouef sandwich — fried on both sides.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 30, "Pops" Concert on the lawn of "Green Pastures" Musical program. 8:30 to 9:30 p. m.
July 31 through August 9, Northfield General Conference.
July 31, Senior Class Fund Food Sale, Unitarian Church lawn. 2 p. m.
August 2, Garden Club picnic-supper. Mrs. Nims' lawn. 6:30 p. m.
August 4, Northfield Grange Roast Beef Supper. Town hall 6 p. m.
August 4, V. F. W. Meeting. 8:30 p. m.
August 5, The Northfield Forum. Town Hall. 8 p. m. Subject, "Labor vs. Management."
August 6, Congregational Church Bazaar. 3 p. m. J. Austin Daly's lawn.
August 9, The Northfield Players present, "Shavings." Town Hall. 8 p. m. For the Senior Class fund.
August 10, The Northfield Players present, "Shavings." 8 p. m. Town Hall.
August 11, V. F. W. Meeting. 8:30 p. m.
August 13, Registration of voters. Town Hall 12 noon to 10 p. m.
August 14, Historical Society food sale. At the Museum.
August 18, V. F. W. Meeting. 8:30 p. m.
August 21, Legion Auxiliary food sale. Mrs. Emory Rikert's lawn. 2 p. m.
August 24, Auction on Unitarian Church Grounds.
August 25, V. F. W. Meeting. 8:30 p. m.

The Northfield Forum Labor vs. Management

The second Northfield Forum will be held at 8 p. m., August 5, at the town hall.
The topic to be discussed around the round table during the evening will be "Labor vs. Management" and it is expected that a variety of opinions will be aired during the evening.
These forums are designed primarily for the edification of the participants, there are no principal speakers and all who come are invited to offer their ideas and opinions on the subject.
As these forums progress into winter it is anticipated that more pertinent subjects will be discussed, and it is hoped that a true community spirit can be injected into these gatherings.
No admission is charged for attendance and all are welcome to come and join the group.

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REGISTRATION OF 18-25 AGE GROUP ON AUGUST 30

Town Clerk Josephine Haskell has received no word as yet from State authorities as to the part local officials will have to play in the forthcoming draft of 18-25 year old youths.

During the height of the war years 173 local boards operated in registering Massachusetts men. This number has been reduced to 40 local boards operating in 35 localities. It is anticipated that approximately 275,000 persons will be registered between August 30 and September 18 in conformity with the Presidential Proclamation.

It is also estimated that 3,168 youths between the ages of 18 and 25 out of a population (1940) 49,485 will be registered in Franklin County. The census of 1940 lists Northfield's population at 1,962. Using the statewide figures as an example Northfield should have approximately 126 youths of registration age.

Northfield apparently will come under the newly organized local board 11 in Greenfield. The two former boards 73 and 104 have been combined into the new all-inclusive Franklin County Board.

Church Bazaar August 5

The committee for the Congregational Church Bazaar held a special meeting on the J. Austin Daly's porch, last Wednesday, July 28. The individual committee chairman gave reports on the progress of their work, and plans for decorating the booths and tables were discussed. Those who have not already contributed should have their donations at the Daly's on Highland Ave., by Thursday evening, August 5. Food, fancy work and flowers are requested of those who wish to contribute.

An artist, Peter Hyde of Deerfield, will be on hand to make sketches of those who wish to purchase them.

A cook book of Greek recipes, with some written by Mrs. Carl Compton of Anatolia College Salonika, Greece, will be on sale as a special feature.

A Chinese Bazaar will be conducted by Mrs. Hsu, who is living in Northfield with her family this summer. She will sell tea, rice cakes, almond cakes and Chinese novelties.

There will be a variety of games, toys and amusements for children, with Mr. and Mrs. Harold McLean in charge.

Army Seeks A. A. A. Men

Northfield men with prior service in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or Marine Corps, who have anti-aircraft artillery skills, may enlist for cadre duty in Regular Army anti-aircraft artillery units, for periods of three, four, five, or six years. M. Sgt. Joseph Kendy said here today.

Openings are available in more than twenty-five (25) military occupational specialties related to anti-aircraft artillery duty and a separate table of rank, to be given upon enlistment, has been established for these jobs.

Further information is available at the Northfield U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Wednesdays.

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DR. KIRK SPEAKS ON ROUND TOP AT 68TH NORTHFIELD CONFERENCE

VFW Post To Operate Refreshment Booth

Commander John W. Bennett, of the Northfield Post 9874 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has announced that the newly organized post will take over the concession for the refreshment booth at the newly built Northfield Open Air Theatre, on the Hinsdale road, just over the line in New Hampshire.

The booth will furnish soft drinks, candies, hot dogs, and the like, for the patrons of the outdoor theatre. The booth is located in the rear of the projection booth in the center of the parking area. It is anticipated that car-hop service will be available shortly after the opening of the theatre.

The theatre itself has been completely graded to insure unobstructed vision of the screen, and individual speakers for each car will insure clear and complete projection of voices as the film is shown on the screen.

The shows will begin at dusk, and the best possible films will be booked for showing during the remainder of the season.

Article on Japanese By Durgin in Digest

Mr. Russell L. Durgin, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, is represented in the August issue of the Readers Digest.

An article entitled, "What about Japan's Youth?" is reprinted in the Digest from the Christian Science Monitor Magazine section of July 3, 1948.

In the story Mr. Durgin writes of his experiences in Japan as a representative of General MacArthur on matters relating to the Youth Associations. The Digest prints this tribute to Mr. Durgin. "It was a remarkable tribute to Russell Durgin's 23 of Y. M. C. A. service to the youth of Japan that, although formally interned in his Tokyo home after Pearl Harbor, he was allowed to carry on his work with few restrictions until evacuated late in 1942. At the urgent request of the U. S. State Department, Mr. Durgin returned to Japan a few weeks after the surrender as special advisor to our occupational authorities. Mr. Durgin is now Y. M. C. A. World Service Secretary in Japan."



NORTHFIELD AUDITORIUM

To many Christian people in this country and abroad the name, "Northfield" is merely an abbreviated manner of saying, "The Northfield General Conference." Founded in 1880, during a period of great religious reawakening, with the full force of D. L. Moody's dynamic personality behind it, the General Conference has been from the beginning an important factor in the religious life of America. Also, because of its tradition of bringing over from the British Isles many of the Auditorium speakers, and at times some of its guests, the conference has made a significant impact on international religious thought and activity.



DR. WILLIAM E. PARK

The 1948 conference, which will open here Saturday and remain in

session until August 9, has been planned in the light of tradition, to meet the needs of the Christian community of today. Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools and chairman of the conference committee, has selected as speakers a group of outstanding churchmen who will present a wide variety of subjects covering both the practical and spiritual aspects of Christian work.

The daily program will be as follows: ministers meeting in Sage Chapel, 9:30 a. m., Monday to Saturday, inclusive; morning services in the Auditorium, 11 a. m., Sunday to Sunday, inclusive; sunset services on Round Top, every evening at 7 except the opening service, which will be at 7:30; and evening services in the Auditorium at eight Monday to Friday, inclusive, and in Sage Chapel at the same hour both Sundays as well as Saturday, August 7. The speaker's reception will take place on Betsy Moody lawn Wednesday afternoon, August 4 at four.



DR. HARRIS E. KIRK

It seems quite appropriate that the opening meeting Saturday evening should be held on Round Top within sight of both D. L. Moody's birthplace and his last resting place.

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Northfield Conference

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place, and that the speaker should be the dean of living Northfield conference speakers, Dr. Harris E. Kirk, pastor of the Franklin street Presbyterian Church of Baltimore since 1901, who began his long service as a Northfield speaker in 1917. He will also speak at the morning Auditorium service Tuesday.



DR. JOHN S. WHALE

Leading the list of Auditorium speakers is Dr. John S. Whale, headmaster of the Mill Hill School of London and formerly president of Chestnut college of Cambridge University. He is widely recognized as one of Great Britain's foremost theologians and is also well known in this country. His last visit to Northfield was in 1938. He will speak Monday, Tuesday, and Friday evenings, and Wednesday and Thursday mornings.



DR. HENRY HITT CRANE

Another Auditorium speaker will be Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, minister of the Central Methodist Church in Detroit, who is well known for his work among American colleges. He has lectured in more than 100 institutions from Maine to California. He will speak Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Friday morning. The Monday and Saturday morning speaker will be Dr. Morgan F. Noyes, minister of the Central Presbyterian Church of Montclair, N. J. An associate professor at Union Theological Seminary, and a member of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, Dr. Noyes is also the author of many books.



DR. ROY A. BURKHART

Dr. Roy A. Burkhardt, minister of the First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio, will speak at the daily minister's meetings. He is president of the National Council of Community Churches, and a trustee of the International Council of Religious Education, and a prolific author. His most recent book is, "How The Church Grows."

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D. HOWARD C. SCHARFE

The Round Top speaker Sunday to Friday, inclusive will be Dr. Howard C. Scharfe, minister of Pittsburg's Shady Side Presbyterian Church. Formerly minister of churches in Buffalo, N. Y., and South Orange, N. J., he is a member of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church. Other Round Top speakers include the Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain of Northfield School for Girls, Saturday, August 7; and the Rev. Albert B. Buchanan, chaplain of Mount Hermon School, Sunday, August 8.



DR. FREDERICK M. MECK

Speaker at both services on Sunday, August 1, will be Dr. Frederick M. Meek, minister of the Old South Church of Boston. He is well known in Congregational Church circles, having served on many boards of that denomination, and is a director of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, dean emeritus of the University of Chicago chapel will be the speaker at both services on Sunday, August 8. Nationally known in Church and college circles as a lecturer, Dr. Gilkey's Northfield connections date back to his student days when he was a regular attendant at college conferences here. More recently he has been selected for many years as the preacher for the opening sermon of the year at Northfield School for Girls.



ALBERT R. RAYMOND

Since the days when Dr. Ira D. Sankey thrilled conference-goers with his famous solos and his inspired leadership, music has been an important feature of the General Conference. In recent years the Northfield Singers, a selected group of Northfield Girls and Mt. Hermon boys, have maintained the high standards of former years. This year's Singers, under the direction of Albert R. Raymond, choral director of the Northfield Schools, will not only sing at the principal conference meetings but will be heard in a concert of sacred music Saturday evening, August 7, in Russell Sage Chapel. Carlton W. L'Hommiedieu, music department head at Mt. Hermon School, will be conference organist.

All regularly scheduled confer-

BUY U. S. SECURITY BONDS

ence meetings are public and both year-round and summer residents are urged to attend as many sessions as possible. Because of popular demand for a method whereby those not registered on the campus might share the cost of running the conference, a voluntary registration fee was instituted last year. This fee may be paid at the conference office in Stone Hall or at the Auditorium before any meeting. Each registrant receives the official conference button and the management has expressed the hope that this evidence of partnership in one of Northfield's great undertakings will be the town's most popular piece of adornment next week.

Obituaries

WALTER WILSON

Walter Wilson, 38, an employee of Tenney Farms, Inc., had a heart attack at 5 p. m., Sunday, and died. The body was taken to the George M. Kidder funeral parlors in Northfield.

He leaves besides his widow and two small children, a father, Harry Wilson of Keene, N. H.; a brother, Wayne Wilson of Richmond, N. H.; two sisters Marion Moore of Richmond, N. H., and Madeline Barnoski of Keene, N. H.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Winchester, N. H., on July 28, 1948 and burial services in Swansey Center, N. H.

Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Hart, Tenney Farms employees.

JULIA (SMITH) McNEIL

Julia Smith McNeil, 90, of Tilton, N. H., died at the home of her son, Mr. Philip R. McNeil, 41 Highland avenue, East Northfield, on July 27, after a long period of illness.

Mrs. McNeil was born in Keesville, N. Y., on Jan. 22, 1858 and spent most of her life in Charlotte, Vt., where she married the late William H. McNeil. She attended Randolph Normal School, Randolph, Vt., and taught school for a short time prior to her marriage. She was also an active church worker in Charlotte, Vt. Mrs. McNeil was totally deaf for a number of years.

She is survived by her son, Philip and five grandchildren.

Burial service will be held in Charlotte, Vt., on Friday, July 30. The Kidder Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

Town Topics

The Northfield Grange draped their charter in memory of the late Mrs. L. R. Smith at a meeting last Tuesday, July 27.

Miss Evelyn Moody of Morris-town, N. J., is a guest at the home of her friend, Miss Lucy F. Jackson at her home on the Ridge.

What Is a Dairy Cow?

The term dairy breed has been accepted by stockmen and investigators as referring to the breeds of cattle that are especially well fitted for production of milk and butterfat. Such breeds represent the efforts made by breeders of many generations toward improving the milking capacity of certain classes of cows. Because of this fact the inherent tendency of registered dairy cows to produce milk is greater than that of a native or unimproved cow. This inherent capacity is transmitted to the offspring.

Freight Car Size

Freight cars vary in length from 34 to 75 feet, the average length being about 43 feet, outside over-all measurements. The capacity of 500,000 box cars owned by 25 leading railroad systems in the United States ranges from 1,167 to 5,901 cubic feet, the average being 3,359 cubic feet. The capacity of the average railway-owned freight car in service increased from 39.1 tons in 1914 to more than 50.9 tons at present.

Sulfa Used on Lepers

Some success in the treatment of leprosy has been secured by use of sulfa drugs, according to Dr. R. C. Williams, assistant surgeon general of the United States. He stated that beneficial results had been noted in the use of the drugs over a period of five years. Leprosy cases in the United States are estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000.

Richly Ornamented

The most richly-ornamented building in the world and one of the strangest sights in India is the large Hindu temple, Konarak, in the Puri district of Orissa. The exterior is thickly covered with sculptured figures of gods and goddesses, which although seven centuries old, still are considered to be outstanding in sculpture.

Store It Outdoors

Where farm rubber-tired machines cannot be kept under cover, they should be blocked up, and the wheels removed and placed under cover. Where this cannot be done, the machine should be well covered with tar paper or canvas, the machines having been blocked up so that the tires do not touch the ground.

Bust and Bustle Era

Fashion dictators are prescribing abundant use of jewelry to complement the "bust and bustle" fashions currently in vogue. In keeping with elegance of the new gowns, jewelers are creating lavish, delicate pieces using the sister metals, palladium and platinum.

Early Ice Enterprise

An early American enterprise was the shipping of ice from New England to the tropics. The ice was packed in white pine sawdust and Americans promoted its sale by showing the natives how to make ice cream and iced drinks.

'Shavings' Here Again
Two Showings Aug.
9 and 10

The Northfield Players will present the Cape Cod comedy, "Shavings" at the Town Hall for the benefit of the Senior Class fund.

This Joseph Lincoln story, adapted for the stage, was shown at the town hall last winter and because of its success is to be repeated for the enjoyment of all those who saw it before, and for those who did not have the opportunity of seeing it.

The same cast will be on the stage on August 9 and 10, headed by Donald Finch as "Jed Winslow" or "Shavings" as he is known to the townspeople, also in the cast are Hubert J. Eastman, Edwin M. Stevens, Gerald M. Groggin, Lawrence M. Hammond, Beryl M. Stimson, John S. Hammond, Esther M. Leonard, George M. Leonard, Ellen Finch and David Quinn.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the Senior Class, and other High School students.

Annual Ridge Meeting
At Silverthorne Hall

Tuesday, August 10, is the date for the annual meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association which will be held in Silverthorne hall on the School campus in the morning at ten o'clock. Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Berger, the president, will preside and reports will be received from the various committees, officers chosen and plans made for the next year. Owners of cottages are urged to attend to vote on many important matters, and all owners are members of the association by virtue of their ownership. In the afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock the Hospitality committee and the Social committee unite in entertaining the annual social at the home of Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke on West Lane, the first ridge. Invitations have been issued to all Ridge residents as well as members of the association in the following verse:

Once again, we will get together,
This time, regardless of weather;
Neighbors and friends, we'll love to see.

August the 10th at half past three,
On Ridge No. 1 this time we'll meet
At Schmadeke Lodge, that lovely retreat.

There's talent on the hillside,
You will enjoy what we'll provide,
There you will meet the officers new.

That of course, you want to do.
This is the annual affair, you know
So don't miss it — be sure to go.

Town Topics

Miss Helen Stevenson of Jamaica, N. Y., is visiting her father at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Parker Holloway on Woodruff Way.

Miss Martha C. Strippel, of Fernhill Cottage, entertained her nephew, Edwin W. Strippel and wife recently.

Northfield Post VFW
To Organize Auxiliary

Northfield Post 9874 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars took another step forward when it was voted that an Auxiliary be organized as an active adjunct to the post itself. Details will be announced as soon as the plans for the organization of the women's group has been completed.

Steps have been taken to secure temporary quarters until such time as a permanent home can be secured.

The following committees were appointed: Concession Committee, Mark Wright, Robert Gungas and William M. Marshall; Committee for the Auxiliary, Edward Hurley, Robert Thompson and James Callaghan; Investigating Committee, Ross L. Spencer, Jr., Roger Holton and Sidney Given, Jr.; Relief Committee, Thomas Hurley, Stanley Payson and Edward Hurley.

A. Y. H. News

This past week has seen a great deal of activity at the local hostel. A Girl Scout Troop from Worcester stopped here on their two-weeks hosting trip through Massachusetts and New Hampshire. A group from New York City, under the sponsorship of the New York Metropolitan Council A. Y. H., ended their trip here the other night after bicycling for a month through New York State to North Bay, Ontario, where they visited the home of the Dionne Quintuplets. The group hosted through Canada and came down the Connecticut River from Newport, Vermont. A celebration was in order at the end of such a long jaunt, and the group splurged on a steak dinner at the Latch-String.

A radio operator for Eastern Air Lines came from Louisville, Kentucky (by air plane of course) to spend her two weeks vacation bicycling in New England. She bicycled up from Boston yesterday and, although she is delighted with the country, she feels that the heavy rains which deluged Louisville the week before she left have been inconsiderate in following her during her vacation.

A group of children from Camp Rabbit Hollow in Winchester, New Hampshire hiked down to Northfield with their leaders, spent the night, and returned to New Hampshire via the Nature Trail over Hog Back Mountain.

A new Youth Hostel is being developed in Brattleboro, Vermont through the efforts of Lucy Bancroft, Mr. Jeffries, Head of Recreation for the city, and the Kiwanis Club. The hostel is located in West Brattleboro on Route Nine, and the cleaning up of the building and equipping is being carried on by the members of the Club. As a Community project in the service of youth, many service clubs sponsor hostels, for the program of hostelling with its international aspect, fits in perfectly with that of the civic minded organizations.

'G. I.' Insurance

National Service Life Insurance term policies owned by veterans may be renewed for an additional five years upon expiration of the present term period, Walter V. Robinson, Veterans Administration Insurance Officer for the Boston V. A. Regional Office, said today.

N. S. L. I. term policies purchased before January 1, 1946, have an eight-year term period from date of issue. Term policies issued after that date are for a five-year term. Recently enacted Public Law 838 makes it possible for veterans to renew their term policies for another five-year period when their present term expires.

When they renew their term insurance, veterans will pay a new higher premium based on their attained age at time of renewal.

Addition of another five years for term N. S. L. I. policies was made possible under provisions of Public Law 838 passed by last Congress.

Halfway, at Keene

The halfway point in the Keene Summer Theatre's current season was reached appropriately enough with the all-time record-breaking comedy, "Life With Father", by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse. The play, dramatized from the famous short stories of Clarence Day, only recently closed a nine-year engagement on Broadway, having several road companies touring it throughout the land simultaneously with equal success. The box office receipts from this phenomenal success reached sums unheard of in theatrical annals. During its nine-year run the play changed casts many times, apparently with no effect on its continuous popularity.

Barrell Larsen, stage director of the local summer stock company, played the part of irascible Father Day, with Harriet Argenbright as his charming light-headed spouse. The four copper-headed Day progeny were played by Kenneth Hewitt, Elliot Jameson, Larry Sherman and Louis Edmonds, in stepladder formation. Other members of the Keene Summer Theatre's capable company completed the cast.

Town Topics

Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Berger and his wife of Corfu, N. Y., arrived at their summer cottage on Rustic Ridge last week end for a month's stay. Mr. Berger is President of the Rustic Ridge Association.

Mrs. Stuart Manning of New London, Conn., who is occupying the Allen cottage in Mountain Park has as a guest, her father, John Martin also of New London.

The Ray cottage in Mountain Park has been occupied recently by their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray all of Providence, R. I.

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STRAW HAT CIRCUIT

"The Milky Way" at Brattleboro Theatre

The hilarious comedy "The Milky Way" opens August 3 at the Brattleboro Summer Theatre.

This delightful tale of a milkman mistaken for a pugilist has behind it a long run record on Broadway, and a successful adaptation as a vehicle for Harold Lloyd of the movies.

The resident company of the

Brattleboro Summer Theatre can be counted on to add to their mounting laurels when the run of "The Milky Way" is completed.

"Apple of His Eye" At Keene Theatre

Keene Summer Theatre, Keene, N. H., August 3rd through August 7th, APPLE OF HIS EYE, a comedy by Kenyon Nicholson and Charles Robinson. Performances evenings, 8:30.

In The Churches

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Sunday, August 1.

11:00 a. m. Worshiping with the General Conference at the Auditorium on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls. Dr. Frederick M. Meek, Minister of the Old South Church, Boston, will preach. The Guild of the Trinitarian Church will sponsor a fair and lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Daly on Friday, August 6, at 3 p. m. This project is for the benefit of the New Church Building Fund. Donations of food, fancy work, vegetables and fruits, both fresh and canned, may be left at the daily home located opposite The Birthplace and the Historical Museum in East Northfield.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

South Vernon, Vt.
Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone
Services every Sunday 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.
Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.
Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.
Weekly Prayer meeting, Thursdays at 7:45 p. m.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, Minister
Services are discontinued until September.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor
Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor
Sunday, August 1,
10:30 a. m., Sunday morning service. Sermon: "The Christian Life."
11:30 a. m. Sunday School.
7:00 p. m., Young People meet. Led by Janet Jones.
Wednesday, August 4,
7:30 p. m., Mid-week prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Jones.

Town Topics

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Bollman of Lancaster, Pa., are at their summer cottage on West Lane on Rustic Ridge.

Miss Ada E. Elmore of Harrison, N. Y., has been a recent guest of the Misses Maud and Amy Hamilton at their home off Winchester road.

Several residents of Northfield and from Rustic Ridge were in attendance at the services at Cathedral Pines at West Rindge, N. H., last Sunday. There were nearly three thousand present. The services are held each Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

Classified Ads

FREER LOCKER, packaging and wrapping supplies on hand. George H. Sheldon, Birnam Rd., Northfield, Phone 445.

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Young Go First

Many young birds, including those of the Red-Wing, migrate south before their parents, thus disproving the old adage that the adults guide the young on their first southward flight. In other species the migrating young and adults remain in family groups. Canada geese follow this pattern, the families combining into large flocks but retaining their unity. With no calendar or compass to guide them, birds set forth along ancestral routes each fall at much the same time for their southern wintering grounds and return as punctually each spring.

Cigars for Turkeys

Turkey poulters on a highly purified diet containing all necessary nutrients except nicotine acid grew poorly in tests at University of Maryland. They developed certain deficiency symptoms such as inflammation of the mouth, diarrhea, poor feathering and perosis. All symptoms were prevented by the addition of three to five mg. of nicotine acid per 100 grams of rations.

Navigated Lake Michigan

Jean Nicolet is credited with being the first white man to navigate Lake Michigan, according to Encyclopedia Britannica. Sent west by Champlain on a voyage of exploration, he trekked his way in a birch canoe through the Straits of Mackinac and discovered Lake Michigan in the summer of 1634.

Haven for Sufferers

If jet-propelled planes make world travel a matter of hours, sufferers from asthma, bronchitis and other lung troubles will flock to Aden, Arabia. This city has the driest climate in the world. Only two inches of rain fall each year. Drinking water is obtained by removing the salt from sea water.

Death of Presidents

Seven Presidents have died in office: William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, Warren G. Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Only Taylor and Roosevelt died in office while Congress was in session.

Sweeter Than Sugar

A new chemical compound which is said to be 4,000 times as sweet as cane has been discovered by Netherlands scientists. This new compound is a benzene derivative, to which the chemical name 1-n-propoxy-2-amino-4-nitrobenzene has been given.

Care in Cleaning

It is safer to do dry cleaning out of doors because of the danger of accidents when this work is done in the house. There is always a danger of fire when cleaning fluid is exposed inside a home.

Race Horse Wires

Probably the first commercial telegraph system in the United States was constructed in 1827 by Harrison G. Dyer, to send results from a race course at Long Island City, N. Y.

New Milk Carton

A carton for delivery of milk, provided with a cream chamber and a valve for controlling an opening between the milk and cream chambers, is the subject of a recent patent.

Indian Name for Bass

"Achigan" was the descriptive name given to the black bass by the Algonquin Indians. The word means "The fish that disputes, struggles and shakes."

Found New Mexico Instead

Searching for the fabled seven golden cities of Cibola, the Spanish conquistadors were the first white men to set foot upon what is now New Mexico.

Teeth Deformities

"Mottled" permanent teeth in children with structural tooth deformities results from excess of fluoride intake in the water and food.

Original Screen Plays

Original screen stories are used in about 62 per cent of motion pictures in America, the rest are adapted from books and short stories.

Fight Infantile Paralysis

National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis thus far has spent \$7,300,000 for research, education and epidemic aid in its fight on polio.

Fopping the Question

Most young men present their diamond engagement rings just before escorting a girl to a social affair, a recent survey shows.

Aluminum Leads All

On the average, 8.13 per cent of the earth's crust is made up of aluminum, 4.71 per cent iron, 0.07 manganese and 0.01 nickel.

New Fiber from Milk

Aracal is a milk fiber for blending with other fibers to make clothing, blankets and interlinings.

Fishes Eat Vegetables

More than 300 species of March fish are known to exist. They feed on vegetable substances.

Causes White Fur

Gas-vacuoles in the hairs cause the winter-white fur of ermine and the mountain hare.

White Pine, Big Favorite, Offers Most Varied Uses

Of all American woods none has been more significant than white pine. Nowhere else is there a wood so light that grows so tall.

Within 30 years of their arrival, the Pilgrims were exporting white pine all the way to Madagascar. A single tree made a mast tall as a ship could carry, yet so light it was never topheavy. When the English navy sailed to some of its greatest victories in the 18th century, it spread its sails on masts and yards of New England white pine, says Donald Culross Peattie, in American Forests.

White pine built New England's loveliest colonial mansions and churches. A favorite of the carpenter, it works smoothly under the plane, and shrinks or swells little when properly seasoned. Fleets were launched to export white pine, railroads were bent to great stands of it, mushroom cities rose in its clearings, and it founded great fortunes. Under its boughs evolved the American lumberjack.

For toughness our pioneers turned to hickory. Not steel itself is as shock resistant. So the Norwegian ski champion wants to know that, when he takes that flying leap, his life is insured by good American hickory under his feet. As a fuel, a cord of hickory almost equals in thermal units a ton of anthracite, and epicures will have no smoked hams but those cured over green hickory coals, so subtle is their aroma.

Every American soldier, from Washington's armies to Eisenhower's, has known the feel of a native black walnut rifle stock under his palm. Under hard usage, walnut does not splinter; instead of growing rougher with handling, it becomes smoother.

Old Superstitions Thrive

In Ozark Mountain Country Down in the Ozarks many superstitions still linger and flourish. It is bad luck in these hills to remove the ashes on Sunday, and many still count the stars around the moon to learn when it is going to rain.

Many farmers in the Ozarks plant their potatoes on Good Friday, in the dark of the moon, and water-melon seeds go into the ground the first Sunday of May. Those who want big melons carry the seeds to the patch in a bushel basket. The caw of the rain crow is a good sign of rain, and so is the croaking of the tree frog and stretching of necks and sniffing of air by horses and cattle. However, there will be dry weather if the whippoorwill calls or the owl hoots in the barnyard.

A bald headed baby presages good, for thick hair means the child will not grow fast. If the child smiles in his sleep the angels are talking to the baby and will soon take him away.

Perhaps water witching is the most universally believed and practiced superstition of the Ozarks. The water witch with a forked stick of hazel, willow, elm or peach tree can locate where water will be found. If the land owner will dig beneath the place where the twig points he will find water.

Plutonium Poisoning Remedy

When the atom bombs were dropped at Hiroshima and Nagasaki many thousands of people who were not killed outright died subsequently of plutonium poisoning, which has been a constant menace to U. S. atomic scientists. Treatment for plutonium poisoning now has been found in the use of a rare metal called strontium, which "bumps" the radioactive plutonium out of human bodies. This treatment has been tested extensively on animals. All tests indicate that the treatment would be effective on human casualties in an atomic war, as well as on scientists who might absorb too much radioactive plutonium in the course of atomic research.

Nutrient Value of Margarine

A survey conducted over a two-year period shows that margarine fortified with Vitamin A and butter have equal nutritional value, the Journal of the American Medical Association announced recently.

The test was conducted at the University of Illinois by Dr. Anton J. Carlson, dean of American physiologists, Dr. Harry Leitchberger, and Dr. George Eisenberg.

Two groups of children were observed in the study. One group, consisting of 160 children from three to 16 years who were orphans or children from broken homes, ate standard brands of margarine during the two-year period. They were given margarine on bread, in vegetables, in pastry, and in fried foods.

The butter group included 107 children of approximately the same age in another institution ten miles away.

Conclusions reached by the investigation indicated that there is no apparent nutritional difference when the source of supplementary table fat is margarine rather than butter.

Mississippi Flood Costs

Mississippi river floods during 1947 caused crop losses reaching \$12,242,000 in Illinois levees and drainage districts and exacted an additional toll of \$1,837,550 in property damage. Flood conditions which prevailed virtually continuously from April to July last year inundated approximately 230,000 acres

Pitcairn Islanders Enjoy Closer Contact with World

Pitcairn island, on the direct route between Panama and New Zealand, is a little sea-girt mountain isle with the surf breaking at the base of reddish colored cliffs. Here, for many years, mutineers found refuge, out of the line of passing ships. Today their descendants are bringing out fruit, hand woven baskets and curios to passing ships, for Pitcairn is no longer isolated.

Present day Pitcairners who still bear the names of several of the mutineers, speak perfect English to strangers, but among themselves use a sing-song dialect, a corruption of English hardly intelligible to the outsider.

In September, 1789, Fletcher Christian with eight mutineers, six Tahitian men and 13 Tahitian women, sailed from Tahiti to Pitcairn, attracted to it by its utter remoteness which they considered a strong safeguard. All obvious occupation of the island was destroyed at that time. The settlement was discovered in 1808 by men from an American warship.

Today the 160 islanders live in peace and largely in a communal manner, although private property is recognized.

Pitcairn island is about two miles long and a mile wide, its climate might be regarded as perfect, as there are no extremes of heat or cold.

Passenger ships now stop at the island on an average of once a month, for the purchase of fruit and local wares. The island is kept in touch with the outside world by means of a wireless station.

America Chooses Delicious

Apple As All-Over Favorite

Apples on the market have been largely of five varieties with Delicious, as usual, far in the lead and Winesap, as usual, running second with less than half as many bushels, according to the U. S. department of agriculture summary of 1947 production.

Commercial production of apples last year, bureau of agricultural economics estimates, was more than 112 million bushels. The six leading varieties were: Delicious, 24,418,000 bushels; Winesap, 11,868,000; McIntosh, 9,596,000; Jonathan, 8,407,000; Rome Beauty, 6,734,000; and Baldwin, 5,134,000 bushels. No other variety was up to the five million mark. In 1946 with a 6 per cent larger crop, there were seven varieties yielding more than five million bushels each, the 1946 list including Stayman and York Imperial and omitting Baldwin.

Delicious, the production record shows, is an all-over favorite and the only apple that is an important variety in all apple growing areas. Delicious supplies more than a fifth of the total production. In spite of this, nearly three-quarters (73 per cent) of the 1947 Delicious crop was grown in the state of Washington where it accounted for more than a half of the state's apple production — nearly 18 million bushels out of 33½ million bushels. Washington grew three out of every 10 bushels of the commercial apple crop of all varieties, including nearly five out of every six bushels of Winesaps, the second most important variety.

Pulley Clothesline

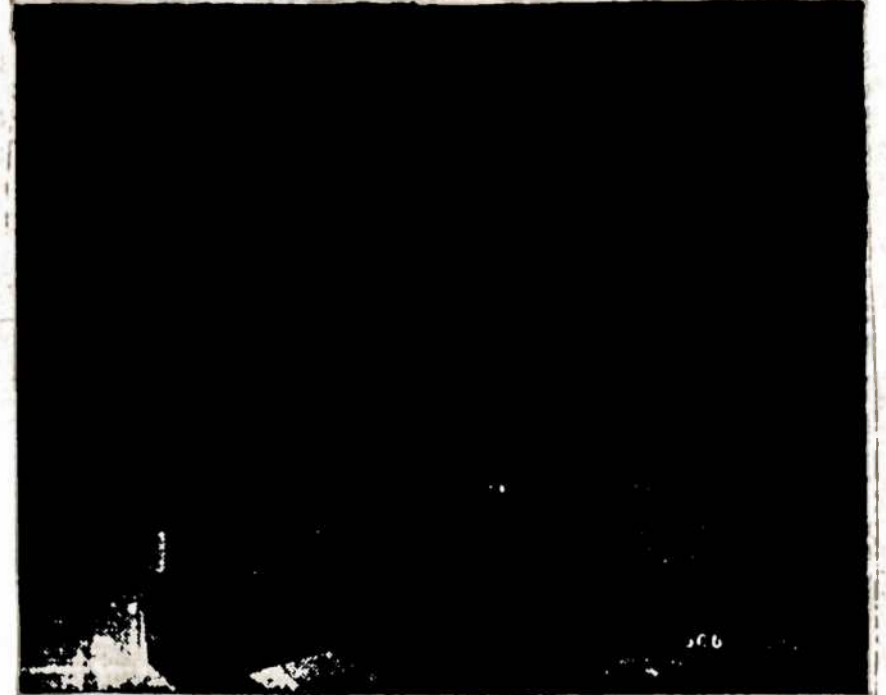
The pulley clothesline is commonly used for hanging out the family wash. A rope is passed over and through two pulleys and the ends of the rope are tied together. One of the pulleys is made fast to a pole in the back yard while the other is secured to one of the posts that support the back porch, or perhaps it is tied to a window sill where the housewife can conveniently reach the rope from the window and draw the clothes in or out as desired. Often these clotheslines are placed so low that there is not sufficient headroom for a person to pass underneath the line and a person walking through the yard may strike against the line and be severely injured. Revolving clothes poles or low multiple rope racks are generally safer than a single clothesline stretched across a yard.

Origin of Our Alphabet

"Our alphabet descends from ancient Egypt of some 5,000 years ago by way of the Semitic people of the Sinai peninsula," says Dr. Edward A. Henry, University of Cincinnati librarian. "Phoenician sailors carried this alphabet to the Aegean basin and the Greek people of that area. It was these Semitic people who used as their first written character the picture of an ox head which was called 'Aleph,' the Semitic word for ox."

Various Uses of Peanuts

Peanuts may be used in clothing and household fabrics, for paper in books and magazines, and even for the paint on the wall within a few years, as a result of research at the southern regional research laboratory of the USDA, in New Orleans. The protein in peanuts, one reason for their high food value, has special properties which make it suitable for manufacture into synthetic fiber, coating mixtures for paper, and cold-water paint. The adhesive property of peanut protein can be used to good advantage in paint. Small experimental batches of the paint, made up and tested at the laboratory, proved successful. The mixed paint had good flowing, brushing and spreading qualities.



THE REPUBLICAN TEAM FILES FOR RE-ELECTION. Governor Robert F. Bradford (second right) and the other constitutional officers of the Republican Team in the coming state election campaign file their papers with Secretary of State Frederic W. Cook. Present at the filing were: (left to right) James Reynolds, representing Senator Leverett Saltonstall; State Treasurer Laurence L. Curtis; Lieutenant Governor Arthur W. Coolidge; The Governor and Attorney-General Clarence A. Barnes.

Town Topics

Prof. Roland Barrett of the U. of M., took colored pictures at Camp Chesterfield, the Franklin-Hampshire Boy Scout Camp, featuring new Second and First Class Boy Scout requirements. The film will be used in teaching and testing Boy Scouts during the year. 16 Scouts from Northfield attended Camp Chesterfield this season.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves are in Greenville, Maine, this week, visiting with friends, and where Mr. Reeves will perform the marriage ceremony of a former parishioner.

David A. Dwight, 18, has enlisted

in the Regular Army for three years, and is taking basic training at Fort Dix, and will then go to the Construction Engineers School at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Pfc. Charles Leach, son of Mrs. B. D. Leach, who recently re-enlisted in the U. S. Army for three years, is at the Murphy General Hospital, Waltham, working with the handicapped veterans.

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